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PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND STORAGE MEDIA

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter  
thereof.

Please add new claims 14-21 as follows:

- 14. An information processing system, comprising:
- a first input unit for receiving, from external of said information processing  
system; circuit information of a module constituting a semiconductor integrated circuit, a  
floorplan which is allocation information of blocks constituting the module, and  
evaluation indices for evaluating modifications of the floorplan,

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